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Mr. Dayan at his meeting with Secretary of State Rogers in Washington on Monday.

Dayan: Cairo threat serious U.S. plans call to Egypt soon

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. plans to ask Egypt at the end of this week or the beginning of next week to open talks on an interim agreement, reliable sources stated yesterday.

The sources said that the U.S. does not expect Egypt to agree immediately. However, Cairo is not expected to formally reject the proposal. It is believed here that Egypt and the Soviet Union will first make an attempt to revive the Jarring mission.

Administration leaders are now busy with preparations for Nixon's trip to Peking, so that from their point of view as well it would be difficult to open the proposed proximity talks before March even if Egypt agreed to them.

The U.S. plans to propose that these indirect talks on a partial settlement will be similar to the SALT talks, in being held at intervals and not in one continuous session.

To avoid an atmosphere of crisis when talks are halted because of differences that arise between the parties, the format will be that of successive "rounds" of talks. The U.S. Administration wants progress towards a settlement but its most urgent aim is to prevent a U.S.-Soviet confrontation before the Moscow summit talks.

Intelligence sources believe there is no pressure by the Egyptian army or Sadat to open fire, and Israel and the U.S. believe Egypt will not do so in the near future because of Moscow's opposition as well. However, there is a desire to make this course easier for Sadat by initiating diplomatic activity.

Middle East experts believe that Egypt and the Soviet Union will not attempt to activate the Jarring mission on the basis of Israel's reply to the African presidents, which Israel said that it was not interested in annexation.

This meant Israel was not interested in annexation for its own sake, but sought changes necessary for fixing secure boundaries. However, the African presidents interpreted this apparently as Israeli readiness for a general withdrawal.

It appears that U.N. Secretary-General Waldheim and Dr. Jarring will ask Israel to submit a reply in this spirit to Dr. Jarring's memorandum. The meaning they will attach to this is that Israel does not want a change in Egyptian sovereignty over any part of Sinai.

At another press conference, in English, Mr. Dayan said, "Our government is ready to join the proximity talks and I have reconformed that."

He sidestepped the question of whether the military balance was maintained by the promised delivery of fighter-bombers by saying that to define such a balance "was a very complicated thing."

He declined to say how many planes Israel will receive or even that they include Phantoms, the best aircraft in the U.S. arsenal. Asked specifically whether the supply includes Phantoms, he said, "It includes good American planes."

Eban: Want change in Soviet policy Foreign Minister Abba Eban said last night that Israel is "more interested in changes in Soviet policy than in the renewal of diplomatic relations with Moscow."

Addressing a 200-member U.J.A. mission at the King David hotel in Jerusalem, Mr. Eban said the changes he would like to see were shifts in Soviet policy on immigration to Israel, which had already partially come about, and a change in the stand on Israel's boundaries.

Cairo keeps Moscow outcome secret

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter Cairo yesterday seemed to be keeping secret the outcome of President Anwar Sadat's talks in Moscow. It now appears that he will not discuss his Soviet trip at public meetings as had been announced.

This development could indicate either that the Soviet pledges of further military aid to Egypt exceeded the declared promises for consolidating Egypt's war machine; or that the two sides were not in full agreement on the future course of action in the Middle East crisis, despite their pledges to reactivate the U.N. Middle East resolutions and the Jarring mission.

The possibility of differences with Moscow could have emerged following Sadat's consultations with his partners in the tripartite federation, Syria's Hafez al-Assad and Libya's Mu'ammer al-Gaddafi.

Cairo's semi-official "Al-Ahram" newspaper said yesterday that the results of Sadat's visit to Moscow last week will not be made public at the moment. Describing them as "certainly reassuring" the paper said the results of the talks "constitute an important turning point" in Cairo's evaluation of the Middle East conflict.

While the Egyptian news media avoided discussion of the course of Sadat's future relations with Moscow, Beirut radio last night quoted an Egyptian leader as telling a Soviet delegation, currently visiting

Cairo, that Egypt is "neither Communist nor anti-Communist." The radio reported Sayyed Marei, the Secretary-General of the Arab Socialist Union, Egypt's only political party, as declaring at a Cairo seminar that Egypt will allow "neither the left nor the right" to be active in its territory.

Marei's remarks were not reported by any of the Egyptian news organs which instead continued to snipe at the U.S., especially for American plans to supply Israel with more weaponry.

Much space in the Egyptian press was also devoted to the "increasing activity inside Israel" of the terrorists whose forces were alleged to be "concentrating their attacks in Haifa and Tel Aviv."

The Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization convened in Beirut on Monday night under the chairmanship of Fatah chief Yasser Arafat for the first time in several months. It was reported yesterday. However, no details were disclosed.

With their confrontation with Amman virtually suppressed by the Jordanians and their activity in southern Lebanon suspended, the terrorists are currently allocating much of their propaganda activity to fighting the municipal elections authorized on the West Bank by the Israeli authorities for next month and May.

Agadat's choice

DECISIONS are being up that Egypt's President Sadat is a serious trouble at home — fears that he is in trouble. He has dismissed officers whose loyalty he doubted, ordered sanctions against students who joined in the giant demonstration in Cairo, and apparently invited Palestinians studying in Cairo.

He has ordered the press and radio to declare that he won a tremendous, unspecified victory in Moscow, but that no details will be made public.

The only hint that has come of the Moscow meeting is that the Russians are in agreement with Sadat that it is the Jarring mission and proposals for Israeli withdrawal that must be pursued, and not the U.S. Canal as a partial solution.

Mr. Jarring unfortunately has not put the cart before the horse, and proposed Israeli withdrawal before negotiations were decided upon, and that as a result there has been no further movement in the direction of negotiations for a general agreement. The Egyptians, for their part, have gone out of their way to reject the American scheme for proximity plans, a degree which would, one might say, make it difficult for ordinary Egyptians to agree to take part in such a scheme.

The Moscow mystery has been alluded in a sense, by the Defence Minister Dayan in the U.S. Mr. Dayan, who had undertaken to speak for the campaign in the U.S., said would not discuss any details concerning talks when he topped Washington officials.

More he left Israel he also expressed the view that the Government would not decide on the reasonable choice may be during proximity talks, even on who should conduct the talks on Israel's behalf. Now, his meetings in Washington he has said only that Sadat is reasonably to have a meeting only between doing nothing and agreeing to the talks.

He said that he would prefer to restart the negotiations on the reasonable choice may be a difficult one for Sadat, who has already been subjected to criticism for having reversed himself on his undertaking to make 1971 the "year of decision." It may appear to him to agree to any such which he cannot present as a victory from the outset. If the Canal is to be opened at all, it is a view to reducing tensions, and paving the way for a future co-existence, it looks almost as though it will be opened unilaterally, without need for Sadat to endanger himself by entering into any such systems at all.

Justice Minister Ya'acov S. Shapira said that if the N.R.P. could not hold a general election in its reported attempt to accept the position of Secretary of State of the Chief Rabbinate Council, the elections would not be held at all. The Alignment would then insist on imposing an age limit of between 70 and 75 for Chief Rabbis. Mr. Shapira said he would draft the regulations so as to prevent Chief Rabbi Utermann from submitting a last-minute candidature.

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Brandt accepts invitation to Israel

By BRIAN ARTHUR, Jerusalem Post Correspondent Bonn. — Chancellor Willy Brandt yesterday accepted an invitation to visit Israel, describing it as "something special." No dates have been fixed for the official visit — the first by a West German chancellor — but informed sources said it was unlikely to take place before the autumn.

The visit by this year's Nobel Peace Prize winner would forge another link in the special relationship between Israel and West Germany. Israeli Ambassador Elinav Ben-Horin handed the Chancellor a letter from Prime Minister Golda Meir accepting the invitation early yesterday. Mr. Brandt told a Foreign Press Association luncheon later the invitation had not come as a surprise and he was glad to accept it.

Mr. Brandt's government is in the process of normalizing relations with Arab states in the region, broken off over West Germany's exchange of ambassadors with Israel in 1965. Bonn Foreign Ministry sources have discounted suggestions that it might be politically inopportune for the Chancellor to visit Israel at this time. Mr. Brandt himself said at the foreign press luncheon: "The Arab states know that relations (with Israel) which have developed because of our history must be cultivated."

German officials strongly implied that the initiative for the visit, not expected before this summer, came entirely from Israel. It was expected that Mrs. Meir has her own special ideas about the agenda of the talks with Mr. Brandt. In fact, Mr. Brandt's government is in the process of normalizing relations with Arab states in the region, broken off over West Germany's exchange of ambassadors with Israel in 1965.

Mr. Brandt's policy of improving relations with the Soviet bloc and Bonn's influence in the expanded European Common Market, particularly vis-à-vis France, make him a key talking partner for Mrs. Meir. In particular, Mrs. Meir is believed keenly interested in the Chancellor's personal assessment of the Soviet Union's aims in Europe and the Middle East.

It is pointed out that Israel has always considered Bonn an ally within the E.E.C. and will probably seek to encourage Mr. Brandt to back closer Israeli trade ties to the Euratom as a counter to new trade barriers for Israeli exports when Britain, Denmark, Norway and Ireland join the community from 1973 on.

Last, but not least, it is believed Israel wants to assure that West European policy toward the Middle East conflict, will not take detailed positions which could interfere in negotiations between Israel and the Arabs.

Alignment backs compromise on Chief Rabbinate By ASHER WALLFISH, Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter The Alignment Knesset faction last night approved, by a vote of 13 to 7, a compromise proposal for the next Chief Rabbinate elections. The vote was taken amid considerable wrangling. Chief Rabbi Isaac Ya'acov Utermann might change his mind at the eleventh hour about not standing, and with warnings to the National Religious Party that this contingency would undo the compromise.

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Indians to quit Bangla Desh soon

CALCUTTA (Reuters). — The Premiers of India and Bangla Desh yesterday jointly announced that all Indian troops would be withdrawn by March 25 from the nation carved out of Pakistan.

The dates marks the first anniversary of the Pakistan Army's martial law crackdown in what was once East Pakistan.

The decision was announced in a joint communique released here and in Dacca at the end of an official visit to Calcutta by Bangla Desh Prime Minister Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, during which he had extensive talks with Indian Premier Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

About 150,000 Indian troops are believed to have marched into East Pakistan last December.

speakers gave the impression that the only objective of the State of Israel was to make Georgian immigrants apostasize. She devoted considerable time and heat to rebuffing Rabbi Lorincz's criticism that Mappan Absorption Minister Natun Peled packed his department with Kibbutz Arzi Mappan members — by praising the Kibbutz Arzi contribution to the country's development and security. They had no boys and girls who requested Army release, she said in a stab at the Aguda.

She argued that the Poale Aguda, for example, had not offered to mobilize its members to work in the Absorption Ministry (although that faction's Rabbi Avraham Weidiger loudly denied this, in an interruption). Let them come forward, she said.

1/3 FROM GEORGIA Of all Soviet Jews who arrived in 1971, she said, one-third were from Georgia, and the vast majority of them were settling down here, as well if not better than immigrants from other communities. A delegation of Georgian Jews who appealed to her last week to recognize them as the rightful representatives of the community had been "put up" to the move by extraneous elements, she charged.

MAIL DELIVERY ALMOST PARALYSED BY STRIKE

By DAVID LENNON, Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter The delivery of letters and parcels throughout the country was almost totally paralysed yesterday by the refusal of post office sorters to work night shifts. The men claim that they were obliged to take this step to make the management honour outstanding clauses in the wage agreement signed in December 1970.

The management totally rejected the demands of the workers, and claim that they are a contravention of the labour agreement signed in August 1971.

The post office administration announced yesterday that it intends handing over the sorting, and probably delivery, of mail to private companies.

The bulk of the mail sorting is done during the night and early morning. With the suspension of the shift, mail is piling up in the sorting centres. The Ministry spokesman reported last night that Haifa and Jerusalem received only about a third of their usual delivery of letters from the main sorting centre in Tel Aviv. The rest of the country received virtually no mail at all from Tel Aviv.

Also affected is the telegram service. The telex workers, who

Faulkner turns down Irish unity idea

BELFAST (AP). — Northern Ireland Premier Brian Faulkner last night adamantly ruled out any idea of Irish unity as a solution to the violence and bloodshed which has stricken his province.

In an unyielding address to the Northern Ireland Parliament, he declared "what we have seen of the Irish Republic the petulant and bellicose utterances of its public figures on the world stage."

Mr. Faulkner spoke as Northern Ireland's Protestant majority, anxious to ward off any weakening in the British fight against the Irish Republican Army, prepared to launch an organization intended to thwart moves to a united Ireland.

The Roman Catholic minority, bent on bringing the British province under the rule of the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic, singled out today as "D-day" in a new civil rights campaign of disruption of civic life and resistance to the Protestant-based Government.

The Protestants today launch an organization called Ulster's Vanguard. Its leaders claim the support of about two-thirds of the province's million Protestants. The meeting will plan the first of a series of week-end rallies intended to demonstrate the strength of Protestant feeling against any compromise with the I.R.A.'s fight to end Ireland's 50 years of partition.

In preparation for "D-for-Disruption-Day" — 24 hours of protest meetings, hunger vigils and school boycotts, Mr. Faulkner's Government cancelled all police leave from midnight last night.

While rejecting a united Ireland — a solution to 2 1/2 years of turmoil advanced by many prominent British politicians, including former Labour Prime Minister Harold Wilson — Mr. Faulkner conceded that the Northern Ireland Government must allow more room for responsible Catholic participation in power.

Appealing to Catholic-orientated opposition legislators who quit the Belfast Parliament and set up a rebel rump assembly, he said: "All political leaders of our community must decide very soon — for time is not unlimited — whether to dig still deeper trenches for a long and bloody struggle of whether to show some real courage and generosity."

Handling of Georgian Jews No-confidence motion rejected

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter The Knesset yesterday rejected a motion of no-confidence in the Government, moved by Agudat Israel in connection with the handling of Georgian Jewish immigration, by 57 votes against five, with 13 abstentions.

Agudat Israel won the backing of the Poale Aguda and the New Communist Party in its motion. Cabal, the Free Centre and Ha'olam Haazeh were the abstainers. Premier Meir's Labour-Mappan Alignment was joined by its N.R.P. and I.L.P. Coalition allies, as well as the opposition State List. The N.R.P. took the Coalition line in exemplary fashion, this time.

Mrs. Meir accused the Agudat Israel party of competing in "an unhealthy competition to win the souls of the Georgian immigrants" (with the other religious factions).

The Aguda was virtually insisting Georgian Jews not to settle in Israel till the coming of the Messiah, she said. They, or elements close to them, had damaged Israel's image by means of advertisements in the foreign press, she charged.

AGAINST THREATS She warned the Aguda not to make threats to wage a campaign outside the Knesset by means of demonstrations, because that would avail them nothing and scare no one. They had no right to set themselves up as the guardians of Georgian Jewry or the custodians of their Jewishness. If the Georgian community knew how to defend its Jewish character in Russia so well and for so long, it would manage to stand up for itself here in Israel, too, Premier Meir said.

It was a grave matter, Mrs. Meir said, when Aguda publications and

Jerusalem studying Mirage draft

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent Government officials in Jerusalem are studying a draft agreement for the repayment to France for the 30 Mirage jets. The draft is drawn up by French and Israeli negotiators in Paris, reached Jerusalem late Monday night.

A clear list of differences on matters of principle. But legal and technical experts are examining the details of the draft agreement, and providing for repayment in cash and goods.

Quoted diplomatic sources in Jerusalem yesterday as saying that the agreement in signing the agreement is only details in the wording.

Beirut students march in protest

BEIRUT (Reuters). — More than 100 students marched through the streets of Beirut yesterday morning in protest against the Israeli military occupation of the city.

The students are also demanding the establishment of an engineering school at the state-run Lebanese University.

Over 1,100 students are currently studying at the state-run Lebanese University.

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Social and Personal Moscow reports

President Zalman Shazar yesterday received the Minister of Religious Affairs, Dr. Zerach Warhaftig, and the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Haim Gvati. On Monday, the President received Foreign Minister Abba Eban.

Knesset Speaker Reuven Barkat yesterday received a delegation of high school pupils from Herzliya who had taken part in a quiz on citizenship and on subjects pertaining to the Knesset and the Government.

Mr. Abdul Aziz Zuabi, Deputy Minister of Health, will speak on "Four Years After" at a luncheon meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club today at 1 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A.

Mr. Ben-Ami Friedrich will speak on "The Use and Usefulness of Incentives in Modern Management" at the Haifa Rotary Club, Appinger Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

The 30th anniversary of the murder of Yair (Avraham) Stern, the founder of L.H.Y., will be marked at a memorial ceremony to be held at the graveside in the Nahlat Yitzhak Cemetery at 3 p.m. tomorrow.

This Friday's vocal newspaper at Beit Sotkov, Tel Aviv, will deal with the Zionist Congress with the participation of Moshe Ishon (N.R.P.), Dov Bar-Nir (Mapam), Uri Gordon (Labour Youth) and Roni Milkovskiy (Israel students). Moderator — Haim Lifshitz ("Davav").

Fashionable Furs — of course at Rosen's Fur Salon, 72 Alhemy Rd., Tel Aviv, Tel. 615990. Open all day. Styles 1972. (Advt.)

NEW WAVE OF CHINA PURGES

MOSCOW (Reuter). — The Soviet press yesterday reported that "a new wave of purges" in China had already led to a number of senior military figures being executed.

The allegation came in a Tass news agency summary printed in all main newspapers, and appeared to be part of a campaign of attacks on Chinese policies apparently timed to lead up to President Nixon's visit to Peking.

It said "a wave of mass purges" had spread from Peking to other cities and quoted "well informed circles close to the Peking leadership" as stating that many who were afraid of falling victim to them had tried to flee abroad.

Among these were up to 20 high-ranking officers reported by Western news media to have been arrested as they attempted to reach Hong-kong last September. Another group of prominent military figures had been accused of trying to flee in October.

"Those arrested are immediately brought before tribunals and usually condemned to death. Such penalties, it is reported, have already been carried out in a number of cities," the report said.

There was no mention of unconfirmed reports that Lin Piao, once dubbed Mao Tse-tung's closest companion in arms, was killed aboard a Chinese plane which crashed mysteriously in Mongolia last September. But the government news agency's

report said the Peking leadership had set up a "special group on the Lin Piao case," which was charged with drawing up black lists for mass purges.

It had prepared a document on "the 10 grave crimes of Lin Piao," which accused the former Defence Minister of trying to organize a military coup, setting up a clique and having contacts with traitors.

The Chinese theoretical journal "Red Flag" had sought to justify these purges by declaring that the party's purity was "a relative concept, but purity is an absolute one." It had also called for a new cultural revolution, "Frayda" declared.

The Tass item said that of 21 members of the Chinese party's Political Bureau named only three years ago, no more than seven or eight were now active politically.

Report of purges and executions in China seem calculated to arouse anxiety among the Soviet people about their country's powerful Communist neighbour and rival. Memories of the Stalin era have not still faded and whether intentionally or not yesterday's account is certain to recall them.

The Kremlin is eager to set its citizens on their guard against the possibility of a deal between Peking and Washington which would be viewed as against Soviet interests, observers pointed out.



British Defence Minister Lord Carrington, right, raises his hand towards Malta Premier Dom Mintoff, left wearing glasses, during talks in Rome yesterday. In background centre, Nato Secretary-General Joseph Luns. (AP radiophoto)

Mintoff loses his temper Malta talks break down as Nato stands pat on offer

ROME (Reuter). — Two days of talks between Nato, Britain and Malta broke up acrimoniously here yesterday with Maltese Prime Minister Dom Mintoff accusing Nato of handing down an unacceptable ultimatum on its rent offer for Malta's bases.

Referring to the refusal of Nato Secretary-General Joseph Luns, former Dutch Foreign Minister, to budge from Nato's latest offer of £14m per year, Mr. Mintoff told reporters: "We do not accept this ultimatum. We are not a colony of Holland or of any other country. We are a free country, and we behave like free men."

Both Dr. Luns and British Defence Secretary Lord Carrington said they had made their final and definitive offers to Mr. Mintoff on the terms for a new defence agreement.

Dr. Luns said he did not know whether another negotiating session would be held. "That depends on the reply," he said.

Mr. Mintoff refused to say whether Malta might accept or reject the Nato offer. "This is a decision that will not be made by myself alone, but by myself and my colleagues in Malta," he said.

Reminded by a reporter that Nato and Britain are now waiting to hear from him, he replied: "Are they? They might hear, and they might not. For an agreement to be reached, both sides must be willing to reach it."

A new defence agreement would permit Britain to retain its 172-year-old military presence on Malta for another seven years, allow access to the island by other Nato countries such as the U.S., and bar it to the forces of the Warsaw Pact countries.

The main obstacles to agreement are the rent issue, the number of Maltese civilians Britain will employ and how much it will pay them, and the cost of shifting British military installations in Malta to new sites if Malta requires the land they now occupy.

At the previous negotiating session in Rome just over one week ago, Nato rejected a Maltese demand for an immediate cash down-payment of £10.25m. In addition to the annual £14m. but said it would backdate the rent to last October.

Last week, Mr. Mintoff cut his cash-down demand to £5m, but he was told by Dr. Luns on Monday that this was unacceptable and that Nato's final offer remained unchanged, informed sources said.

The sources said this provoked one of several explosions of temper by Mr. Mintoff, who said he had been brought to Rome under false pretences.

The only new offer by Britain in

the latest negotiating session was to pay £1m for the repair of historic buildings hitherto occupied by the British in Malta.

If Malta preferred, Britain would instead employ 200 Maltese to carry out the necessary repairs up to a total cost of £1m, the sources said.

Dr. Luns repeatedly stressed to reporters that Nato's financial offer to Malta was now final and could not be increased.

Mr. Mintoff said that Dr. Luns was "not in good faith" when he came to Rome, "because if he comes, he comes to negotiate, and not to say 'I am God Almighty, I won't budge'."

Asked if there would be another meeting, Mr. Mintoff said that depended on whether Dr. Luns would remove his ultimatum or not.

Lord Carrington told reporters: "I think Mr. Mintoff now realizes that these are the proposals put to him and these are the proposals on which he has to make up his mind."

Malraux warns Nixon on Mao's first question

PARIS (AP). — Andre Malraux, the French literary giant, has said that President Nixon's China visit could turn into a disaster if he answers negatively to Chairman Mao Tse-tung's first question.

The 70-year-old writer, who has known Mao for three decades, told of his misgivings at a luncheon over the week-end with Senator Edward Kennedy. Mr. Malraux said:

"In this situation Mao will have the first question. And I can tell you it will be this: Are you, the richest country in the world, prepared to help one of the poorest countries in the world — meaning China — 'on the road to progress'?"

"Unless Nixon answers affirmatively, that the U.S. will assist China, then the rest of the meeting will degenerate into an exchange of trivialities."

Mr. Malraux's comments and concern about the Nixon trip was reported by friends of Senator Ken-

edy who joined them Saturday during 2 1/2 hours at a Paris restaurant.

Mr. Malraux last saw Mao in 1965 in Peking. At that time, he told Senator Kennedy, Mao gestured to him and said: "All I want is six atom bombs. With those six atom bombs I can guarantee the peace of the world."

According to the luncheon guests, Mr. Malraux considered that Mr. Nixon "had got himself invited to China" and that this would reduce his stature in Chinese eyes. "It makes a great difference if you are a guest or someone who invites yourself," he said.

MUSIC. — Representatives of music academies from 11 Arab countries met in Cairo on Monday to discuss means of "preserving the authenticity of Arab and oriental classical music."

Car tries to 'run down' jet

DETROIT, Michigan (AP). — "I'm being followed by a car. Help me," the pilot of a United Airlines Boeing 747 jet radioed the Control Tower at Detroit Metro Airport.

The message triggered a 45-minute, high-speed chase during which, police said, two men and a woman tried Monday to "run down" a jumbo jet on an airport runway, rammed two police cars and two taxis, pushed through a road block and nearly ran over one officer before being stopped. The car was halted when police shot its tires.

Sheriff William Lucas said the three were "higher than kites from drugs or alcohol." He said suspected narcotics were found in the car.

The driver of the car was held by police but the two passengers were released later in the day after questioning.

Home says India may in time surpass China

NEW DELHI (AP). — Britain's Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, said yesterday he foresaw the day when India might be stronger than China and he suggested that India consider organizing a collective security system for the region.

"India certainly is the most powerful nation in this part of the world," Sir Alec told a news conference at the end of a three-day visit.

"I have always hoped that India could be the sort of foundation and basis for a collective security system in this area, but this is a long way ahead, and for the Indians to decide whether this is something they could undertake in the future."

Sir Alec did not outline what type of collective security system he envisioned, but he made the proposal while discussing ways to limit a naval arms race in the Indian Ocean.

19 die in Colombia airliner crash

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP). — All 19 persons aboard a Colombian airliner missing since Saturday were killed when the plane crashed into a mountain in the Andes, aviation officials reported yesterday.

The wreckage of the plane has been spotted on the side of the mountain near the Venezuelan border. Flown by Transportes Aereos Del Cesar, the twin-engine turboprop was en route from Bogota to Valledupar.

Emergency in U.K. to save power supplies

LONDON (AP). — The British Government decided yesterday to declare a state of emergency to conserve power supplies because of the five-week-old strike by the nation's coal miners. The decision was expected to take effect today.

Government spokesmen said at first they would ban floodlighting and advertising signs. Power stations and electricity generating plants will then make cuts on a rotating basis, the spokesman said.

The Government decision came as coal stockpiles dwindled at power depots and as violence erupted between picketing miners and police in the Midlands.

The miners were attempting to shut down a large coke depot in Birmingham by keeping new supplies out.

Ghanaian late-comers to lose their pay

ACCRA (Reuter). — Civil servants in the Ashanti region of central Ghana were warned yesterday that they would lose a day's pay every time they are late for work.

The warning came from the region's military commissioner, Lt. Col. Emmanuel Baldo, during a tour of government offices in the Ashanti capital of Kumasi.

He told late-comers that Ghana was at economic war and if workers continued to show laxity and an unpatriotic attitude, the country would lose the battle.

Flogging asked in Virgin Islands

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, St. Thomas (AP). — A bill introduced in the U.S. Virgin Islands Senate Monday would revive public flogging.

Proposed by St. Croix Republican Senator Hector Clinton, the bill would amend Virgin Islands law to provide for publicly administered physical punishment for persons 16 years old and older convicted of a second felony in the territory.

In addition to any other sentence imposed for the crime, the convicted persons would, at the discretion of the judge, also receive 25 to 50 lashes with a whip. The bill has yet to come up for debate.

FLIGHT. — Tass yesterday reported the arrival in Daaca of an Aeroflot IL-18 passenger airliner opening an air service between Russian and Bangla Desh.

Vietcong provincial chief dies in battle

SAIGON. — Government militiamen have killed one of the Vietcong's top commanders in his underground bunker hideout — a week before a widely predicted Communist offensive is expected to begin.

South Vietnamese military sources said today the man killed, whose name has not been transmitted to the High Command in Saigon, was the Vietcong commander of Binh Dinh, the province which the Vietcong come closest to controlling.

They said he was killed on Monday when government militiamen raided an underground bunker complex about eight kms. north-east of Phu Cat airfield in Binh Dinh, killing 11 Vietcong and capturing five prisoners.

Information obtained from documents found in the bunkers, from interrogation of the prisoners and from local villagers who recognized the body, showed he was the Vietcong's province chief, the sources said.

Also killed in the raid was the Vietcong's chief medical officer in Binh Dinh, responsible for an elaborate jungle hospital system, the sources said.

Convoy ambushed

The Vietcong yesterday ambushed an American truck convoy carrying supplies to the Central Highlands. Other guerrillas attacked the allied air base at Pleiku, but were repulsed with five dead before they could get past the perimeter fence.

The truck convoy, carrying fuel and food from coastal supply dumps inland to the Highlands was caught by communist rocket and mortar fire in a daylight attack 400 kms. north of Saigon.

It was the second ambush on Highway 19 in three days although the first for an American convoy on the road since July 10.

Meanwhile, President Nguyen Van Thieu, apparently annoyed by what he considers U.S. efforts to impose a peace settlement, has told American officials that any proposals

dealing with South Vietnam's political future must be presented by his government.

Officials sources, in disclosing this yesterday, said Mr. Thieu was angered by statements made by U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers at a Washington news conference last week.

Sources said Mr. Thieu instructed his ambassador to the U.S., Bul Diem, to make inquiries at the State Department, about Mr. Rogers' assertions that the U.S. is "flexible" on the provisions of the latest allied peace proposal under which Mr. Thieu would resign and new elections would be held.

Mr. Thieu also ordered his chief negotiator at Paris, Ambassador Phan Dang Lam, to tell the U.S. delegation chief, Ambassador William Porter, that any proposals relating to a political settlement must be presented by Saigon rather than Washington.

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FOR THE ELEGANT LADY. Jerah KNIT FASHIONS.

Acquitted of war crimes

HAMBURG (UPI). — A court here yesterday acquitted Walter Becker, 74, on charges of war crimes committed during World War II. Becker was brought to trial on a charge of seven months.

The state prosecution had asked for a sentence of life imprisonment for Becker on six charges of complicity in numerous atrocities in the Polish city of Staroborz.

Becker was sent to a military prison in 1940 as a secretary in war affairs, the court was told.

Komrade Gets shock in Bathroom

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Vadim Mikhailovich, a well-to-do Moscow bath when there was a "There he is," said he was by the arm and led away by a

Protector he had been he was led into a room with white-coated men and told to remember this day for a time."

Vadim fainted. When he awoke, he was in a hospital. A month visitor and presented a birch broom and two soap.

Vadim fainted again and days later was still in hospital. "Sovetskaya Rossiya" newspaper reported yesterday.

Swiss share lead in Winter Games

SAPPORO, Japan (Reuter). — 11th Winter Olympic Games saw the halfway stage yesterday with Switzerland surprisingly ring the lead in the gold medal race thanks to unheralded Marie-Therese Nadig.

In a blinding snowstorm, 11-year-old Miss Nadig, who had never an international event before, came to the games, beat the best in the 100m race, and won second gold and a silver third.

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NOT GUILTY — This seagull pictured on Monday atop Copenhagen's famous "Little Mermaid" statue is not responsible for the current state of the landmark. Unknown persons during the night splashed the statue with white paint. (AP radiophoto)

In deep sorrow we announce the death of my dear wife, our beloved mother, grandmother and aunt. Dr. ANNI SAMUELSORFF. The funeral took place yesterday, February 8, 1972. Kindly refrain from condolence visits. The bereaved family.

To Laura Jarblum, a good friend of "Han," sincere condolences on the death of her husband. MARC JARBLUM. "Han" — Israel Foundation for Handicapped Children.

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY-HADASSAH MEDICAL SCHOOL pays tribute to the memory of RUTH BERLINER who died on January 11, 1972, having bequeathed her body for the advancement of science. Sincerest condolences to the bereaved family.

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM deeply mourns the death of BERL LOCKER. Honorary Member of its Board of Governors and veteran Zionist leader and extends its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

The Israel Police — Northern District share the grief of Chief Inspector Kurt Meir and Sergeant Edna Basan on the death of their father. DR. ALFRED MEIR.

On the thirtieth day after the death of my beloved husband, our unforgettable father. ABRAHAM NAVEH (Hausman). a memorial meeting and the unveiling of the tombstone will take place tomorrow, Thursday, February 10, 1972, at 3 p.m. at the Herzliya Cemetery. THE FAMILY. We thank all our friends and acquaintances who shared our grief in person or in writing.

Irvings asked for \$500,000 in tax

NEW YORK. — The U.S. Internal Revenue Service on Monday filed tax claims totalling more than \$500,000 against the property of author Clifford Irving, his wife, Edith, and researcher Richard Suskind.

The action was announced soon after Irving spent more than 90 minutes at the Federal Courthouse in New York, where a grand jury is investigating his involvement in a purported autobiography of millionaire recluse Howard Hughes.

A spokesman for the tax authorities said the claim against the author was for \$348,993 in taxes, while the claim against his wife was for \$243,119.

The claim against Suskind, who helped Irving research the Hughes, manuscript, was for \$22,446 the spokesman said.

Although Irving and his wife live on the Spanish island of Ibiza they are liable for American taxes on money earned in the U.S.

A government spokesman said the tax claims were intended to prevent the disappearance of assets before the government can determine the couple's tax liability. He said such liens are standard when

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'HENRY THE K' IS OUT IN THE OPEN

Max Lerner writes of the manners and secret missions of Presidential Adviser Henry Kissinger (below).



ly clear enough for debate. I don't believe it has been clear to most Americans up to now. American liberal opinion about the Saigon government has passed through interesting phases. First, that it was no government, nothing, a vacuum, a cipher, incapable of holding an army in the field or retrieving the villages — that Vietnamization was hopeless. Then, that it was corrupt and dictatorial and not worth saving, even if it were possible.

Finally, now that it has shown itself fairly viable, that whatever its character or strength we have no obligation to it which would interfere with a political settlement on Hanoi's terms.

Quite conceivably the coming Tet offensive, mounted from Hanoi and bound to be massive, may topple the Saigon army and regime. Quite conceivably American air power may prove inadequate to keep it alive, which would confront Nixon with the sharpest crisis of the war — whether to escalate American military involvement again or accept Le Duc Tho's political settlement and abandon the Thieu regime.

Le Duc Tho may be gambling on this. Nixon and Kissinger may be gambling that Saigon can survive the next Tet, and that Le Duc Tho will then be more amenable to the eight-point peace plan.

MORE or less affectionate political nicknames are endemic to the American scene. Roosevelt had his "Sammy the Rose" and his "Tommy the Cork." Now Nixon has his "Henry the K." Despite his secret agent mystique he is very much out in the open now, which is all to the good.

I wish I knew whom Muskie, Humphrey, Lindsay, McCarthy, McGovern, Jackson, Chisholm or Yorty has who would do what Kissinger is doing. In fact, if I were a Democratic candidate now I should announce that the one man I would carry over from Nixon would be Henry the K.

Acquitting war criminals
AMSBURG (UPI) — A court here yesterday acquitted seven war criminals...
Komrade Gets shot bathhouse
MOSCOW (Reuters) — A Soviet official...
Swiss lead
ZURICH (UPI) — Swiss officials...

Winter Games
SAPPORO, Japan (UPI) — The Winter Olympic Games...
87 media men chosen for Nixon visit
WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House announced Monday the names of 87 news media representatives who will accompany President Nixon on his February 21-23 trip to China...
Queen Elizabeth due in Thailand
BANGKOK (UPI) — Queen Elizabeth II was due to arrive at a U.S. air base in Thailand last night, but officials agreed to cooperate in a news blackout on her arrival at the start of a 47-day tour of Southeast Asia.



Vladimir Louchevko of Russia (3) lands on his head and Russians E. Michakov (12) and goalie V. Tretlak collide as Sweden's Tord Lundstrom (at right) misses a goal in Monday's Winter Olympics match in Sapporo, Japan. The game ended in a 5-3 tie. (AP radio photo)



Israel's citrus grove owners on Monday handed Bonds worth ILSm. to Mr. Mark Mosevics, Chairman of the Voluntary Fund for Immigrant Absorption, as their contribution to the Fund. At the ceremony were, from left: Mr. A. Rubinstein, Dr. Y. Rotenstreich, Mr. A. Ben-Yahar, Mr. A. Polani (representative of the grove owners) and Mr. Mosevics. (Camera 12)

'Man who smuggled Cancer Ward to the West'

PRAGUE (AP) — Lord Nicholas Bethell, 34, a British journalist, was described on Monday night as the man who got Alexander Solzhenitsyn's novel "Cancer Ward" out of Russia to the west. A television broadcast, presented by Bratislava Television in cooperation with the Slovak Ministry of Interior, said Pavel Licko, a Slovak translator and journalist from Bratislava, brought the "Cancer Ward" manuscript out of Russia and passed it on to Bethell.

The programme also claimed that Licko gave Bethell information on Soviet-Czechoslovak negotiations in Geneva in 1965 and that in 1969 Licko gave an interview to the B.S.C. which was anti-Czech and anti-Soviet propaganda. Bethell was mentioned several times in connection with the British secret service, but was never directly called a British agent. He was described as a past-master of anti-Communism and a man who used conspiratory methods in contacts with Slovak informants.

It was also claimed that Bethell's frequent trips to Czechoslovakia and other Eastern European countries were not "for tourist or literary reasons, but (because he) was interested above all in political, economic and social questions," as well as all information on present Czechoslovak Communist Party chief Gustav Husak, his predecessor Alexander Dubcek, and all Slovak leaders.

'Waldheim statement strange'

UNITED NATIONS — U.S. officials said here that it was "very strange" that Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim had called the prospects for an interim Suez Canal settlement hopeless at this time.

They pointed out that in a television interview on Sunday Secretary of State William Rogers noted that Egypt had not yet been asked by the U.S. to agree to the proximity talks that Israel had accepted. One official said, "We haven't asked the Egyptians yet, so how do we know the Egyptians have turned them down?" "Realistically, of course," he conceded, "it doesn't look very good for the proximity talks." He said that if the Jarring mission started to show life, the U.S. would defer to it. "It doesn't really matter," he explained, "as long as there is some talk going on. We have no pride of authorship." Dr. Waldheim said yesterday he planned to visit South Africa with a "clear mandate" from the Security Council to negotiate the future of South West Africa. At the same time, he made it clear that he may not succeed in his mission.

U.S. PRESIDENT SIGNS FOREIGN AID BILL

Nixon's great disappointment

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon on Monday signed a \$2,750m. foreign aid authorization pact but criticized it as "a great disappointment" which hampers his conduct of foreign affairs. The measure, Nixon said in a statement, severely cuts the amount he requested for development and security assistance and "is below minimum acceptable levels," nor does it include major reform proposals which he sent to Congress last April.

"Viewed against the vital national objectives which our foreign assistance programmes are designed to pursue, this act is a great disappointment," Nixon said. He also complained that "the bill reaches my desk more than half-way through the fiscal year, delayed by legislative entanglements resulting from the attachment in Committee of an unprecedented number of restrictive and non-germane amendments, some of which raise grave constitutional questions. The final product adds significant restrictions and limitations to those already legislated, which have hampered the efficient administration of foreign aid and the effective conduct of foreign affairs."

development programmes with more international sharing of the foreign aid load, after rejecting extension of the programme with a dramatic vote on the night of October 29 last year. After four months of House-Senate manoeuvring during which foreign aid legal existence lapsed twice, Congress compromised between the president's programme and the Senate's reforms.

More international foreign aid and separate economic and military aid programmes are the chief features of Nixon's aid overhaul programme but these are opposed by influential leaders of Congress, including Chairman Thomas E. Morgan of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. They argue separation of the programmes would eventually bill economic aid, particularly in the military aid-favouring House, and that international sharing of foreign aid would become a siphon for U.S. money without U.S. control.

Morgan has said he does not plan to act on Nixon's overhaul proposals until after the November elections because "we might have a new President then and he might want something different." The bill signed by Nixon extends U.S. economic aid for two years — authorizing \$1,230m. for the fiscal year ending next June 30 — and extends military aid one year at an authorized \$1,520m.

Security plans

He urged Congress "to restore a comprehensive security and development assistance programme through legislation equal to the challenges and the opportunities for peace which lie before us."

The only thing left is House-Senate compromise of \$3,000m. approved by the Senate last Friday appropriating money for foreign aid and related programmes.

The bill Nixon signed takes a cautious step toward sharing the U.S. foreign aid load with other rich nations and calls for reducing the 31.5 per cent U.S. share of United Nations operating expenses to 25 per cent. It also cuts off U.S. aid to the Greek military junta unless Nixon declares that the money is needed for "overriding requirements" of U.S. security, limits Cambodia's aid to \$341m. and halts all \$200m. of military credit sales by April 30, unless Nixon releases \$2,000m. voted by Congress for a domestic social action programme that the President has since frozen. The Senate revamped foreign aid into separate military and economic

Chile's workers 'never had it so good'

CONCEPCION, Chile (AP) — President Salvador Allende claimed on Monday that the working man in Chile had never been so well off as under his leftist administration, but warned his supporters they must stop quarrelling or run the risk of defeat in future elections. Allende listed a series of government statistics to back his claim that Chile was economically sound, but he also admitted the country was plagued by food and other shortages, and that his Popular Unity Coalition was torn by internal quarrels.

He blamed the quarrels for the Popular Unity's loss of three special congressional elections and a nationwide municipal election in less than a year. Allende promised to continue to push the country "along the red road of the Chilean revolution." He spoke to a crowd of 15,000 from the balcony of the Provincial Governor's House in Concepcion, where he is spending ten days.



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Business and Finance

NECK-AND-NECK RACE IN BIG BANKING

By DR. MOSHE ATER, Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

TWO of our Big Three banks, which between them account for about one-half of the aggregate banking total, have published their balance sheets, calling for a comparison of their performance. The two, Israel Discount Bank and Bank Hapoalim, have for some time run neck and neck as regards growth and profitability, and this also in their market rating. A year ago, the dividend yield of Discount Bank shares was close to 6 per cent, and of Bank Hapoalim close to 7 per cent. Today the respective figures are about 4.5 and 5 per cent.

Table with 3 columns: end of 1971, 1971 I.D.B. B.H.P. I.L.M., change in 1971 I.D.B. B.H.P. per cent. Rows include Deposits by Public, Deposits by banks, Administered deposits, Loans from own means, Deposits with banks, Contra accounts, Securities, Capital and reserves.

As far as ordinary deposits of individuals and firms are concerned, I.D.B. by far outdistances B.H.P. Indeed, its accrual in 1971 was almost twice as much as its competitor. One may guess that it has kept its leading position, even if the business abroad is not taken into account (although the New York branch offices of I.D.B. may have provided one quarter of the respective deposits amount). Incidentally, I.D.B.'s dominance in this field has been most marked in fixed deposits, while demand deposits increased — percentage-wise — more at B.H.P.

However, the main source of B.H.P.'s growth has been the funds put at its disposal by banks (in particular, one may presume, by the German Labour Bank fuer Gemeinwirtschaft) and the money which government, banks and other bodies deposited in it, for granting loans on their behalf. The amounts added to B.H.P.'s balance sheet under these headings were five times as big as those of I.D.B. Of the IL1,122m. accrual of administered deposits, IL466m. was of two subsidiary companies — Bitzur and Teuda — which raise money by floating debentures with prominent funds. Most of the rest will have

come from Gmml, the Histadrut provident funds' investment company. The funds administered by I.D.B. on behalf of Discount Bank Investment Corporation increased by only IL110m. Further growth of provident funds under the umbrella of B.H.P. must, of course, widen this discrepancy in the course of time.

In accordance with the different financing setup, the two banks also differ in their lending activity. At the end of 1971, the aggregate credit volume provided by B.H.P. was about IL4b., as compared with IL2.5b. provided by I.D.B. However, in credits granted from the banks own funds the difference is much smaller (IL1.4b. as compared with IL1.1b.).

Part of the funds used by B.H.P. for expanding these credits seems to have stemmed from credits obtained by it from banks abroad. On the other hand, the increase in I.D.B.'s deposits with other banks — which is partly fed by sale of debentures of the U.S. government held by its New York branch — seems to include a bigger share of financing operations (mainly abroad) than the similar item at B.H.P. The banks differed even in the development of their contra accounts; while at I.D.B. most of the 1971 increase took place in documentary credits, it was mainly rediscounts and guarantees which led at B.H.P. However, the opposite changes in the bank's holdings of securities, shown by the table, are partly misleading, for the slight drop in the I.D.B. portfolio largely reflected a

shift from one form of liquid assets (U.S. debentures) to another (foreign bank deposits) while the rest was due to its sale of Mercantile Bank shares to Barclays-Discount, which does not in fact reduce I.D.B.'s control of them, while a substantial part of the increase in the B.H.P. portfolio was due to investments in its subsidiary companies. Incidentally, investments in subsidiaries, and in less accounts, accounted for three-quarters of I.D.B.'s paid-up capital and reserves, while at B.H.P. they exceeded the bank's paid-up capital, by 20 per cent, reflecting the bank's recent expansion by takeover of Japhet Bank and Halva's Velissachon Tel Aviv).

It is small wonder that the different types of activities made themselves felt also in the banks' profit and loss accounts. Interest from customers accounted for 50 per cent of the increase in I.D.B.'s ordinary income last year, but for 70 per cent of the B.H.P. increment, while the respective shares of interest received from bank deposits (including those at the Bank of Israel) was 28 and 15 per cent. Accordingly, interest paid to depositors accounted for a smaller part of the increase in expenses at I.D.B. The average rate of interest charged by both banks increased by 1 per cent, while the rate of interest paid to depositors increased more at B.H.P., partly reflecting changes which have taken place in the composition of its depositors. The overall interest margin of the two banks (including recurrent income from securities) declined by

one-sixth at I.D.B. and by one-quarter at B.H.P. Incidentally, the increase in the B.H.P. wage bill accounted for only 3 per cent of its total added expenses, as compared with 12 per cent at I.D.B. B.H.P.'s (net) allocation to bad debts was also smaller than that of I.D.B. As regards profits, one has to bear in mind that I.D.B. enjoyed a substantial capital gain last year owing to devaluation which upped the value — in Israeli currency — of its investment in the New York branch office. I.D.B.'s ordinary profits, after tax but before allocation to reserves, increased two-thirds, while those of B.H.P. increased three-quarters. The ratio of aggregate profit to paid-up capital and reserves declined at B.H.P. — owing to the increase which has taken place in its share capital — while at I.D.B. the profit ratio advanced substantially.

When expressed as earnings per share, the difference in profit was most marked — 27 per cent at B.H.P. as against 41 per cent at I.D.B. — although it stands to reason that this ratio will be reduced in course of time as I.D.B. will also have to raise additional share capital. Moreover, I.D.B.'s long-term profit prospects depend on its ability to attract business beyond the sphere of commercial banking proper. Of course, such expansion will have to assume a different way from that adopted by B.H.P. In this respect, the I.D.B. Bankholding Corporation — effectively controlled by I.D.B. shareholders — may be expected to play an active part.

Israel exports to Germany up 35 p.c.

ISRAEL'S exports to Germany increased 35 per cent in 1971, reaching \$33m. in the first 11 months of the year. Imports from Germany rose by 37 per cent, and reached \$193m. in the same period, Dr. K.A. Moosberg, President of the Israel-Germany Chamber of Commerce, stated at the chamber's recent general meeting.

Germany took 10 per cent of Israel exports, and provided 13 per cent of its imports last year. Trade with Israel, however, accounts only for about 5 per cent of Germany's foreign trade. Israel's import surplus from Germany is exceeded by Germany's long-term loans to this country (\$140m. last year) and by personal restitution payments (which amounted to

\$176m. in the first three-quarters of 1971). The meeting heard a lecture by Mr. D. Sasse, Commercial Counsellor at the German Embassy, on the international monetary crisis; by Dr. A. Klimovsky on Israel taxation of German investments; and by A. Haran, head of the Economic Division of the Foreign Ministry, on the Common Market's discriminations against Israel. Mr. Haran stressed that Germany had failed to oppose the EEC in its readiness to comply with the Arab boycott. He also criticized Germany for not coming to an agreement with Israel on the insurance of German investments in Israel against political risks. Such insurance was available to German investments in a number of other developing countries.

Hush-hush oil quarrel

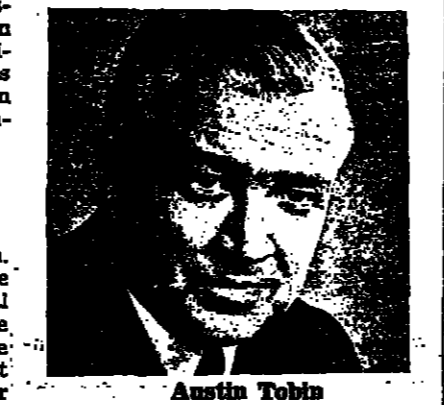
AT long last the battle has been joined between the oil companies and their host governments, although both sides are refraining from telling the public what is going on. The first round of talks (which took place in Geneva) ended in an agreement between the companies and the Gulf states on the price rise

to offset the dollar devaluation. Initially the companies rejected the claim outright, quoting both legal and economic reasons, but in the end they had to agree to increase the price of crude by 8.5 per cent (the oil states demanded 12 per cent), which may add over \$300m. a year to their bill. The agreement does not, however, include the oil states west of Suez, which are negotiating separately. Libya is known to be insisting on a 15 per cent increase.

The haggling about the price of crude oil has only been a prelude to the talks about the participation of oil states in the share capital of the concessionary oil companies. It is known that most Gulf states want a 20 per cent participation, although some would like to get a bigger share, and Libya demands 51 per cent. The leader in this fight is now Saudi Arabia, which has already come to grips with the Aramco group. Needless to say both management and political problems are involved in this issue.

Laskov tribute to American ports chief

Haim Laskov, former Chief of Staff and Head of Israel Ports Authority, has paid tribute to Mr. Austin Tobin, who has ended 30 years of service as executive director of the New York Port Authority. Mr. Laskov said: "To many of the senior Israel Port Authority officials and those of the Israel Government, Mr. Tobin was an example of devoted service, of proved integrity and honour. He achieved high standards of performance and had an unique thirst for innovation."



Austin Tobin

He was known in all western ports for the help he gave, for his advice and encouragement. To us in Israel he was a friend, who fathered the concept of the Ports Authority, and whose recommendation carried a lot of weight in the World Bank. The result was the Israel Ports Authority Act of 1961 and a generous loan from the World Bank for the construction of Ashdod port. We who had the privilege of knowing Austin Tobin remember his words: "When you have a problem, you name it, we shall do our best to help you."

Bid to increase Eilat port work

The development of Eilat's port is a priority national interest, and the Ministry of Transport will make serious and speedy efforts to achieve substantial increase in the scope of work there, it was announced yesterday by Transport Minister Shimon Peres. Speaking to representatives of the Eilat Port works committee in Jerusalem, Mr. Peres said it was unfortunate that Eilat port workers, who until now have had the reputation of "quiet and orderly," have become involved in strike threats.

Readers' letters

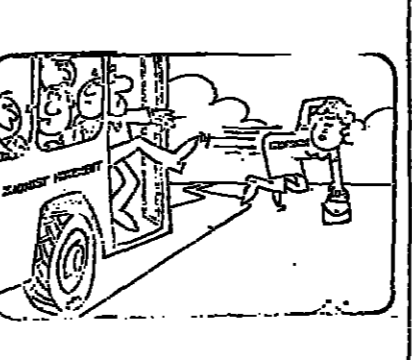
HADASSAH'S REPLY TO DOSH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In your issue of January 31, there appeared a cartoon by Dosh on the Zionist Congress, under the caption: "We told her very politely, 'Please sit down,' and she felt insulted." I am enclosing herewith a cartoon expressing the Hadassah delegates' version of how they were asked "politely" by the Israelis to take a seat.

JEANNETTE LOURIE, Chairman, Public Relations Committee, Hadassah Council in Israel, Jerusalem, February 3.

THE POLICY OF 'DIVIDE AND RULE'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — At a meeting held at the Hebrew University to promote better interfaith understanding, Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari told the English who are "divide and rule" between us. The other speaker was speaking to the League at the Land Israel Center on his British subject, later on his British subject, him aside and told him to that Jew, as he was in class. Has Professor Werblowsky ten that 'old maxim, 'divide and rule'?" NAOMI BARON, Way back in the early 'thirties, I had as a pupil a cousin of the Tel Aviv, February 2.



RED CROSS DOESN'T TALK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I would appreciate your bringing to the attention of your readers a few corrections and precisations following the article of Mr. Ze'ev Schul on the Red Cross of February 3.

The figures concerning parcels sent to Israeli prisoners of war during the last six months of 1971 were only partly reported. The total figures should read as follows: parcels sent to Israeli PoWs: 254; letters sent to Israeli PoWs: 371; letters received from Israeli PoWs: 225.

As I said that "The I.C.R.C. task is to listen and, if possible to help — but never to gossip. We may not publicly sing anyone's praises, let alone condemn..." it should be very clear that I never made any comment on the past or present conditions of detention of PoWs in Syria, Egypt — or Israel.

Neither did I comment on the very complex problems raised by article 88 of the IVth Geneva Convention regarding the death penalty. All the remarks and terms appearing in this article other than the four "verbatim" quotations of my own words were Mr. Ze'ev Schul's personal interpretations of printed material I gave him on this occasion.

GUY DELUZ, Head of the I.C.R.C. Delegation in Israel, Tel Aviv, February 4.

SUPERVISION OF BANKS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — David Krivine, in his reportage "Shapiro opposes bill to insure bank deposits" (January 24), raises a number of interesting points. Can one really insure against unsound business practices, or indeed the downright abuse of depositors' confidence? And does the "bigness" of the "Big Three" guarantee that they "are unlikely to file bankruptcy proceedings"? The whole thing, in fact, amounts to a tax on small banks which they, in turn, will be forced to pass on to their clients. What is needed — and here Mr. Shapiro is right — is more effective supervision of banks — big and small.

Mr. Krivine asserts that Ellern's Bank "collapsed" to the best of my knowledge, this is worse than incorrect. Ellern's were financially sound till the end — the sale to Feuchtwanger's, who, by 1966, were not. AHARON ELLEEN, Ra'anana, January 24.

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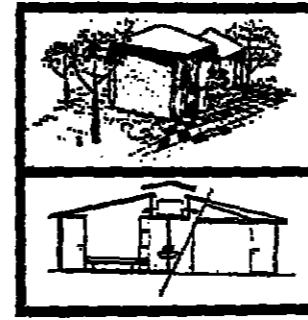


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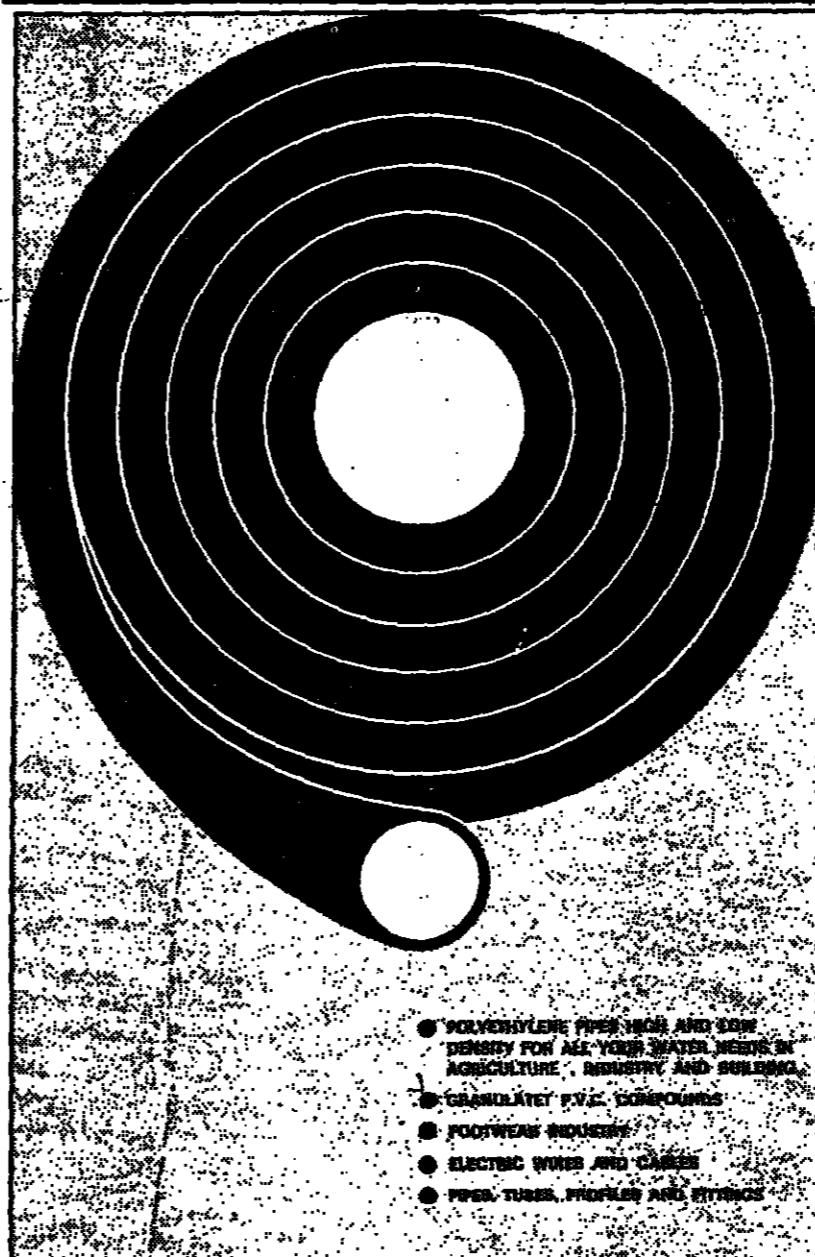
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Israel's first Plastic Week opened at the Sheraton Hotel in Tel Aviv yesterday. Some 150 manufacturers and plastics experts from overseas have come to see what Israel can offer in this rapidly progressing industry. Here is a three-page report on the plastics industry.

By CATHERINE ROSENBERGER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE vital statistics of the Israeli plastics industry make surprising reading. The first local plastics factory — Amgat — was established 40 years ago, but the bulk of the industry has developed only during the past decade. With 250 enterprises of various sizes now within the industry, and a manpower of over 4,000, it can claim not only the largest number of new plants of any Israeli industry in recent years, but also a 30 per cent annual growth rate. Seventy plastics manufacturers are participating in Plastics Week, many already in the export market, others keen to enter — and 50 per cent of them are kibbutz enterprises.

Yehoshua Silbergeld, director of the Plastic Centre at the Israel Export Institute, attributes the large number of kibbutz plants to the following factors: "Manpower requirements are low and, for the kibbutz interested in setting up an industrial outlet, the main needs are in machinery and professional know-how — both of which can be bought and kibbutz members sent outside for specialized training."

Stiff competition
The plastics industry is a highly competitive one all over the world. Israeli manufacturers cannot hope to compete with cheap Hong Kong-type merchandise. Where they do have the possibility of competing is in sophisticated products, such as medical instruments and disposable equipment, machine parts, electronic components, and all kinds of products for the building industry.

Another field which is developing for export is that of sub-contracting. Mr. Silbergeld cites one Israeli producer who is currently fulfilling monthly orders each worth \$15,000 for the supply of plastic drawers to a British furniture manufacturer. The product is partially moulded, partially hand-finished, and the cost of production here is apparently extremely competitive.

At this stage the exports of the young and relatively new plastics industry are still small — \$750 last year. The wide and varied range of products, amongst them exclusive Israeli developments, are an encouraging sign that 1976's predicted export total of \$21m. is a feasible one, according to Mr. Silbergeld.

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In Switzerland they have even developed an all-plastics watch. The potentialities of the industry are considered almost limitless. Ya'acov Friedler reports.

The progress of Israel's plastics industry since its modest beginnings in the late fifties is perhaps measured by the rise in the country's consumption of plastic products. In 1958, the first year plastics were produced, the per capita consumption was 2.3 kg. In 1971, the per capita consumption of a greatly increased population was up to 22 kg. Israel's consumption is still nevertheless quite low compared to the 23 to 30 kg. per capita in the U.S.A. and the 10 kg. in Germany. Experts at the Technion's Laboratory for the Study of Plastics Materials in the Department of Chemical Engineering in Haifa, told *The Post*, in an interview before Plastic Week, that they consider the industry now ready for a great spurt in production and to branch out into new fields.

The head of the laboratory, Professor Aris Ram, said that Israel itself is now producing most of the bulk raw materials needed by the processing industry, with some excess for export. The raw materials are produced by several large plants, mainly in the Haifa area. Israel Petrochemical Enterprises supplies polyethylene and is now making polypropylene; Electrochemical Industries (Frutarco) makes P.V.C.; Carmel Chemicals manufactures moulding powders and polyesters. Polyesters are also produced in Haifa and at the Matzliachim plant in the Negev. The Rogosyn plant is making Nylon 6, another bulk raw material. The variety of additives which the processing industry needs, none of them in large enough quantities to warrant the establishment of local plants, are imported.

Jobbataim, which have found the plastics industry ideally suited to their needs and to the employment of members no longer able to work in farming. The variety of the products turned out is virtually endless, from simple throwaway packagings to highly sophisticated parts for the aircraft industry, which is a major consumer of plastics products. Car bodies and boats; sanitary installations and sewage pipes; flooring; building items and insulation materials; engineering and industrial equipment; machine parts and cogwheels; toys, furniture, formica upholstery and foam mattresses — these are but a few of the things manufactured from plastics.

Two years ago the Technion's technicians' school started turning out senior technicians for the plastics industry and has great hopes its graduates will have a beneficial effect on it.

courses at the Technion, nor can existing machines be spared for training purposes. To solve this problem, the Plastics Society is hoping to raise funds, during Plastic Week, for the establishment of a central training centre for the industry at the Technion where technicians and foremen will be able to attend courses after working hours or one day a week. They would also get an overall view of the industry, which is impossible in their own plants where they are constantly busy in a narrow field of work and specialization.

"The industry has come of age and should now take off for much greater things and for increased exports in the seventies," Professor Ram and his colleagues at the laboratory, Professors Ze'ev Tadmor and Eric Kastner, told *The Post*. There is today practically no field which does not use plastics in some form or another, or could use it to advantage. They pointed out that in Switzerland a cheap, but accurate all-plastics watch has lately been developed.

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LONG WAY FROM THOSE GARISH PLAYTHINGS

By DAVID KRIVINE
Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

AS the businessmen whispered to Dustin Hoffman at the latter's end-of-studies party in "The Graduate," plastics have a great future. An economist in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Mr. David Finer, has published sensational projections. It is hard to believe how young an industry this is. In 1950 world output came to only 1.5m. tons. By 1968 it had shot up to 22m. tons, and Mr. Finer forecasts that it will top 100m. tons by the end of the present decade.



Dr. Rafael, chairman of the Israel Plastics Association. (Emka photo)

Consumption per head varies between countries. It is highest in West Germany at 55 kgs., and low in the Soviet Union at 7 kgs. Israel at the time consumed 17 kgs. (the figures refer to 1969), but has since risen to 21 kgs. — not far behind the 1969 figure for Britain, 23 kgs. Israel has a particular need for plastics; if only because the alternative materials — metal and timber — are all imported. Plastics are in the main a by-product of petroleum (made available at the local refinery), and many of the commodity raw materials, such as p.v.c., polyethylene and polyester, are manufactured here.

The output

Output of these substances totalled 33,300 tons last year, but production facilities for another 46,200 tons are being constructed, according to Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, Deputy Director-General at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. By next year output will be 80,000 tons; and investment is already under way to double that figure.

Dr. Alexander Rafael, who can be described as the dean of the industry in Israel (he chairs the Plastic Manufacturers Club) deprecates the poor image that haunts his favoured product. The impression derives from shoddy beginnings, when the first items marketed were glossy toys and household articles that had a cheap and synthetic look about them. "I was interviewed once over the radio," he recalls. "The announcer cross-examined me about a broken toy belonging to his child, which seemed to cost a Memlah over the whole industry. But the child might also have broken a wooden camel from the Old City. Would that lead us to despise timber as a material?"

People do not notice what has supervened since the garish playthings that still focus the public's attention. There is little to sneer at in the surgical components inserted in nowadays life-savingly into the human heart, throat and veins. Women show no contempt for nylon or other synthetic textiles. Fishing-nets are made of plastics, also wall-tiles, boats (of fibreglass), irrigation equipment, lamp-posts (of reinforced polyester), sewage pipes. The material is used as an additive in concrete, to strengthen it.

Two new plants in Israel are making prefabricated plastic bathroom-units. It is becoming a handsome material, as scientific techni-

to 8,000 tons. This is without counting the host of end-products that utilize these materials.

Sixty new factories have been set up in the last four years, including (during 1971) plants in the development townships of Sderot, Arad, Carmiel, Maalot, Nazareth and Dimona. In the same period since the Six Day War, 50 know-how agreements have been signed with distinguished foreign companies, some of which have invested in the Israeli concern. Exports were \$1m. at the beginning of the 'sixties (chiefly plastic table mats), \$8m. last year, and will reach \$20m. by 1975, according to the Ministry's plans.

Koor Industries points out that Israel has sold a yacht to West Germany (for 400,000 marks) made of polyester resins produced in Koor's subsidiary Makhteshim, in Beersheba. In addition to buying Rotoplas in Jerusalem, Koor has recently acquired two other companies — Polymers and Resins in Haifa, and S. Waysman in Tel Aviv, the latter a specialist in making zebra crossings and other prefabricated plastic stripes for road marking.

Kibbutz interest

Dr. Rafael points out that one-third of Israel's plastic-product firms — and the biggest ones — belong to kibbutzim. He is proud of the fact that kibbutzim and private owners have joined together in a precedent-creating fellowship under the auspices of the cautiously named "club" of plastic manufacturers that he presides. His friend and partner Louis Barnett, of Fort Worth, Texas, has enthusiastically brought five of his American colleagues to Israel during Plastics Week to study investment possibilities.

Mr. Barnett tells *The Jerusalem Post* that openings for the industry in Israel are limitless. D.V.V. (drain waste and vent) constitute a huge industrial branch which can practically all be shifted to plastic, he says. The material has a great future in Israel's building industry, which already consumes one-quarter of the country's plastic raw materials. And there is no reason why a whole house should not be constructed of plastic laminates, erected on a cement base.

ques are evolved for its production. Dr. Rafael says: "I have seen a manufactured item sprayed on a moving belt with a plastic substance — that constituted its packing." There is a plastic used to make furniture, which looks like wood, brown on the outside, white under the surface, and you can saw it or bang a nail into it.

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Output of the whole industry in Israel is rising at the rate of 25 per cent annually. This year there is a spurt in the production of the raw materials. Capacity of P.V.C. will double (compared with 1971) to 25,000 tons, polyethylene will almost double to 33,500 tons, polystyrene (at a new plant in Haifa) will increase from zero to 18,000 tons, and other resins (polyester, urea, melamine and phenol) will almost double

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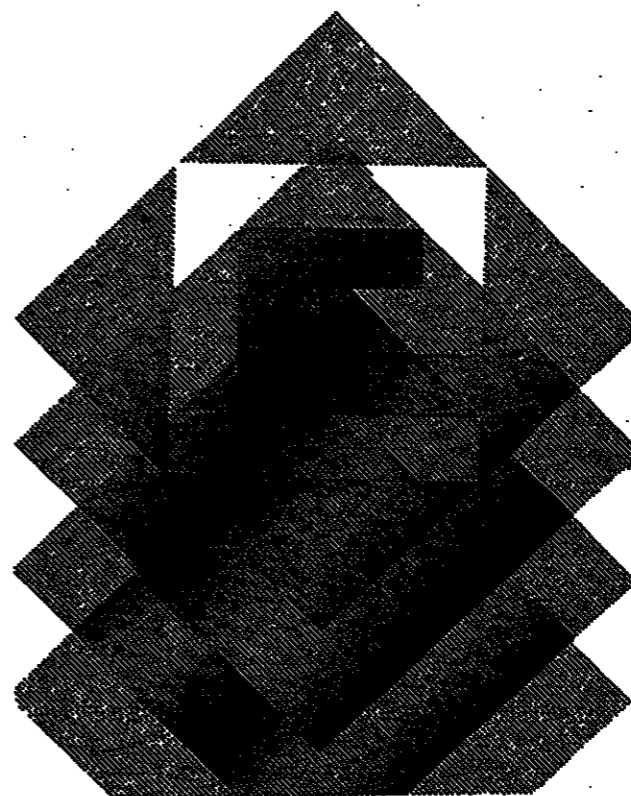
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Foreign firms doing risk business at Fashion Week too

By Catherine Rosenzweig
 Fashion Week — now in its third day — went Mediterranean for the first time, with participation of 20 foreign participants in addition to the 80 Israeli manufacturers taking part. The participants came from Greece and Turkey with others from Cyprus and Italy, with one from France and Kenya.

As early as the morning of the day, it looked as though the Indian proprietors of Bidos, were finding their long trip worthwhile. They had felt, they said, that Israel would be a good way jumping-off point for selling the European and U.S. clothing markets — and to judge by streams of buyers to be found their rooms and the brisk business place, it seems that they are right.

They are showing a wide range of men's and women's and children's suits and casuals all in original designs, prints as well as hand-dyed fabrics — very reasonably priced, apparently very well-known among the Greek manufacturers in Nikos and Takis. They are currently here, while Takis stayed behind in Athens, mind a factory of 350 employees and chain of 5 retail shops. The Nikos-Takis look — already well-known in the U.S. — is of course, limited to luxury models all in exclusive fabrics and with embroideries ranging from Byzantine and classical motifs to modern.

Nikos-Takis is a vertical enterprise, creating high fashion from thread through to finished garments, with prices ranging from 100-500. They see the future of their business continuing mainly through their well-established presence in the U.S. — but are of course open to expand exports too.

The collection Nikos brought with him is principally in purple, black and turquoise — but, he explains, it is only a fraction of the full collection. The combination of fine sweaters and tradition-inspired broadweaver motifs result, in this case, in a strictly couture look, very in the folklore or peasant look which the description might suggest. Coats are superbly cut with vents which open to reveal carefully executed embroidery, related to a simple matching dress. The every outfit has specially designed jewelry to complement it. Why did Nikos-Takis decide to participate in the Fashion Week? Takis says: "Two years ago we had our own Greek Fashion Festival, which 20 producers participated. From that we received several orders from top stores in the U.S. but, regrettably, the event has been discontinued. Therefore opportunity of participating at Fashion Week in Tel Aviv — which after all is not far away — seemed us a very good one."

Pelargos of Athens showing a bright, well-designed range of knits for toddlers to five-year-olds have been doing business with Israel for many years: all their collection is made from Acrylic, the fibre for which comes from the Israeli Acrylic plant at Ashdod, who have the supply concession for the Mediterranean area. "We had heard extremely favourable reports about Fashion Week and find it very well-organized indeed," states Pelargos owner.

BIG SHIRT MAKERS
 Another Greek manufacturer, Evel, may well be offering some competition to Israeli shirt producers. A subsidiary of Piraki Patraki, the biggest textile concern in Greece, they have a comprehensive range of brightly styled men's and women's shirts and sportswear, all in cottons and jerseys, including printed and woven and denim look knits. A nice new boutique line consists of T-shirts and maxi dresses in batik and colours very reminiscent of the Greek Islands — beamed with terra cotta and pinky beige or brilliant Mediterranean blues.

Jewellery too is to be found with the Greek manufacturers. Shilthlatis gave a wide range of traditional and modern gold-jewellery, which they sell through 6 shops throughout Greece, produce in a factory of 72 workers in Rhodes. They already have well-established exports to the U.S. and Japan — the latter being the best market for jewellery, they say just before they left for Tel Aviv they received an order for 2,000 San Medallions from the Virgin Islands.



Afternoon dress in acrylic knit from Ely Abrahams (left) has neck and stripes in contrasting colours. Handwoven mohair fabric by Nikos-Takis (right) is used for a purple blazer with off-white skirt, both trimmed in Byzantine-inspired embroidery.

Oldest-established among the Turkish participants is Vaco, incidentally a Jewish company — who produce 50 per cent couture fabrics, and 50 per cent ready-to-wear for their own department store in Istanbul, including men's jackets and suits. The range includes chiffons, velvets and silks with prints originating from Paris, Italy and Switzerland. They hope that the sample collection they are showing — only a small part of their full range — will attract buyers to visit them in Istanbul.

Other Turkish manufacturers include Christos Economou who produces a wide range of swimwear, shirts and underwear, and Mrs. Yu-

Domestic Letter Box

Weights and packages

THERE is a new kind of price increase which perhaps escapes the authorities, but does not escape our stomachs: we need to get eight little sausages in the envelope I enclose. Wiener sausages, vacuum packed by Mandani Dairi — a very cheap food for people whose incomes do not go up 80 agrot. Today, we ate six sausages for the same price, which is an increase in price of 25 per cent. The weight declared on the envelope is now vague indeed: "from 150 gr. to 200 gr."

This is only one blatant example. What about all the other articles, the price of which may or may not have gone up officially, but the price of which has certainly gone up when it is packed? Why should we be further confused by all sorts of strange prices, for 160 gr., for 180 gr., etc., according to the article.

of sausages does not always indicate the weight of the package. Therefore, if there were only six sausages this time in the package, it does not necessarily imply that it represents an increase in price of 25 per cent.

As far as the present weight indication is concerned, it is against the law. The law requires that the net weight should be indicated precisely.

The problem of odd weights for packaged food and other household necessities constitutes a problem not only in Israel, but all over the world. Some time ago, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry issued a decree governing the weight of a few items only, mainly soap and detergents.

Until the problem is solved, if ever, by appropriate legislation, there is only one solution, and that is to calculate rapidly the price of 100 grams or one kilo of the product. In this manner, every consumer knows if the price of a particular product has gone up and if the same product from another manufacturer is cheaper or more expensive.

Finally, modern marketing stresses packaging, and the consumer "pays through the nose" for it. Therefore, it is sometimes advisable for the housewife to consider whether she should not buy certain products by weight and to make her purchases in those stores where this is possible.

We are forwarding the problem of the weight of sausages to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for investigation and eventual legal sanctions.

DEBORAH ROMANO
 Tel Aviv, January 13.
 All the sausages are still the same weight, they have actually gone up 33 per cent. Ed. J.P.)
 Reply from the Better Business Bureau.

FIRST of all, Mrs. Romano does not indicate what the weight of eight sausages was. The number

Ten guests at a party

By A.H. SHAHBAZ
 ISLAMABAD (ANS). — NOT more than ten guests are now permitted at marriage receptions and five is the limit for other home celebrations. A food crisis threatens Pakistan.

This Food Control order had been in operation for some months but the authorities had not enforced it. It is now being taken seriously and breach of the order entails heavy fines or imprisonment, or both.

The Government says this measure is necessary because of exceedingly bad condition of food crops. There has been a long dry spell.

The austerity programme extends to other sectors. Travel abroad has been severely restricted. Official training programmes have been drastically cut and foreign assignments pruned. Many officers training abroad have been recalled without completing their course. Not a single extension request, either by trainees or the diplomatic staff, has been approved.

The decision was taken because of the serious low level of the nation's foreign exchange.

Chafing dish treats

By Molly Lyons Bar-David

A CHAFING dish can be used at the table whenever you wish to cook something quick in it. There are several kinds of chafing dishes but the one available now in Israel has a flame underneath the "cooker" and in it you can add cooked meat and poultry. But raw fish can also be readily quickly. Cheeses can also be done in minutes.

Cheese Fondue
 340 grams of yellow cheese (the Swiss type with holes or local yellow cheese), 1 tbsp. flour, 1 clove garlic cut in two, 1 1/2 cups of white wine, dash of nutmeg and a dash of white pepper, 3 tbsps. of Sharir wine, French bread (or any other white kind) cut into cubes which you will use to dip into the Cheese Fondue with a fork.

Sprinkle the flour on the cheese that is cut into strips. Rub the inside of the chafing dish with garlic. Pour in the white wine and let it heat, but do not let it boil. Add about a cupful of yellow cheese at a time and stir all the time until it just melts. After the cheese has melted add the seasonings and the Sharir wine. Then, at once, have everyone dip the bread cubes into the Cheese fondue. We trust your chafing dish came with long-handled forks — if not use the long kitchen forks. If the Fondue is too thick you can of course add a little more white wine.

Codfish in a Chafing Dish
 1/2 kilo frozen codfish, 1 teaspoon salt or soup powder, 3 tablespoons butter, 3 tablespoons flour, 1 large grated onion, 2 cups milk, 2 beaten egg yolks, lemon juice to taste.

Mix up the codfish and sprinkle with salt or soup powder. Set the chafing dish (or you can even do this on a gas flame) add the butter and when it is melted add the flour and the grated onion and stir well. Add the hot milk and stir

until thick. Add the beaten egg yolks mixed with the lemon juice and stir well. Add the codfish and let it simmer. You can first simmer the codfish in the milk and then put it into the chafing dish.

Chicken a la King
 1 chopped red pimento and 1 chopped green sweet pepper, 1 cup mushrooms thinly sliced, 2 tbsps. flour, dash of salt, 1 cup parve cream mixed with 1 cup of water and 1 teaspoon of chicken soup powder, 3 or 4 cups of cooked chicken cut into cubes or any other cuts, 3 egg yolks, dash of paprika, 4 tbsps. melted margarine, 1 finely chopped onion, 1 tsp. lemon juice, 3 tablespoons of white wine.

In the chafing dish cook the green pepper (use the pimento later on) and onion, with the mushrooms along with 2 tbsps. of margarine, but do not let it get brown, only soft. Push the vegetables aside and then put in the flour and salt. Then stir in the parve cream mixture until the water has gone until the sauce thickens. Add the chicken and let it heat up well. In another dish blend the egg yolks, paprika and the remaining margarine. To the chicken mixture add the lemon juice and wine and when it comes to a bubble add the yolk mixture and stir until well blended. Remove from the heat (or on a very low flame) and top with the chopped pimentos.

Kasher Beef Stroganoff
 1 tsp. flour, dash of salt, 1/2 kilo of shoulder steak cut into strips, 2 tbsps. margarine, 1 cup sliced mushrooms, 1 large chopped onion, 1 small clove of garlic chopped up, 2 tbsps. oil, 2 tbsps. tomato ketchup, 1 1/2 cups of beef stock, 1/2 cup parve cream mixed with 3 tablespoons of mayonnaise, 3 tablespoons of Sharir wine.

Mix together 1 tsp. flour with the salt and sprinkle it over the steak strips. Heat the chafing dish and put in the margarine. Then,

when hot, add the beef strips and glaze them and mix well. Add the onion, mushrooms, garlic and cook for about four or five minutes. Remove the meat and mushrooms. Then add the oil and add the flour. Stir well. Add the ketchup and then pour in the beef stock and simmer until thick. Add the meat and mushrooms and then stir in the parve cream mixed with the mayonnaise and the Sharir wine. Just bring to a boil and stir all the time. Then serve it at once.

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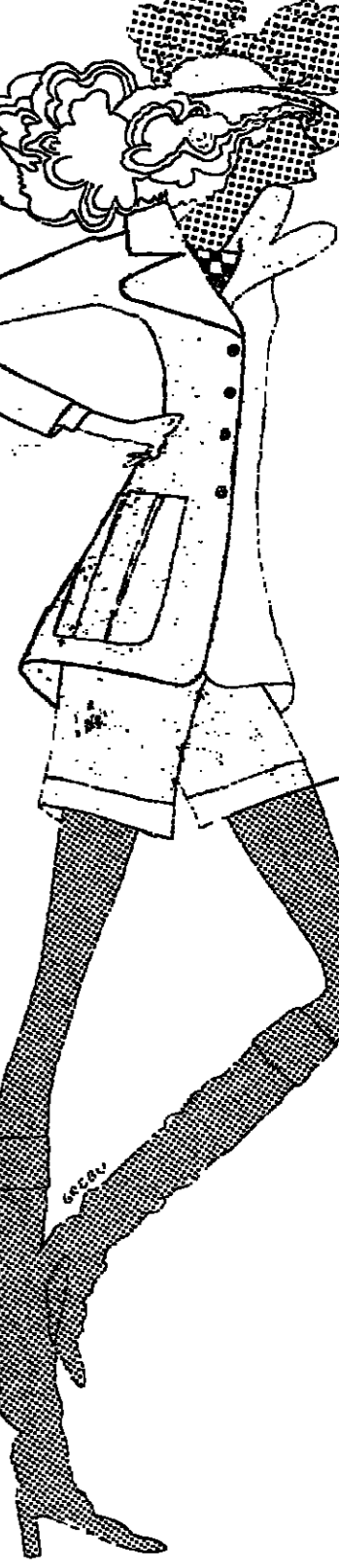
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HARBOUR CONGESTION GROWS STEADILY WORSE

By YAAQOV FRIEDER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ports congestion is daily growing worse because of the combination of the port of Haifa, and the fact that extra manpower should be introduced until the congestion can be restored to manageable proportions.

Ports Authority spokesman Michael Harely took a more sanguine view. He told *The Post* that in his opinion, the congestion was due mainly to the bad weather, and in fact, cargo turnover was steadily rising.

He hoped that with better weather conditions the situation would improve. Meanwhile, the go-slow started by the port foremen here three weeks ago is continuing, but their effect is minimal. Nothing is being done about the citrus loading go-slow in the hope that the men will resume normal work when they finally realize that their demands for income tax exemptions will not be met.

Their committee is not backing the go-slow, but is not trying to discourage it either. "We can't force the men to make extra efforts if they don't want to," they said. On the other hand, another dispute over job mobility of crane operators and signal men, which led to a one-day stoppage last month, was settled in negotiations with the Port Manager yesterday.

WANT 15% SURCHARGE
Foreign shipping companies which are members of the European ship-owners' conferences yesterday demanded a 15% increase in the surcharge on cargo in Haifa and Ashdod, from ten per cent to 15 per cent.

Arish Meshulam, secretary of the Shippers' Council, representing importers and exporters who are protesting the surcharge, told *The Post* that the Council was "at its wit's end" because of the "near fatal" surcharge which had resulted from the "near fatal" surcharge, holding up imports, and virtually impossible for others to commit themselves to a price, and the extra costs, and paper work, and the overland transport of Ashdod cargoes unloaded in Haifa.

Partial strike by Ashdod port officers

Jerusalem Post Reporter
ASHDOD. — Officers of the port's marine department yesterday imposed "partial sanctions" to reinforce a demand that they be allowed to set up their own works committee to represent them. The department has 120 employees, of whom 18 are officers with merchant marine grades.

The officers yesterday carried out their normal duties with one exception: recording the daily activities of their department, such as tugboat operations, piloting ships and providing launch service for crews of ships outside the breakwater.

One of the officers, Third Engineer Arish Berkowitz, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that if their demand is not accepted they would meet next Sunday in consideration of their sanctions, such as refusing to work overtime.

The Ashdod Labour Council has refused to support the officers, saying that they could only elect an additional representative to the existing committee — if the latter agrees.

There is no organized crime in Israel, Police Minister Shlomo Hillel told a meeting of the Jerusalem Labour Council's Trade Union Club at Beit Hahistadrut yesterday.

At the same time, the Minister disclosed that there had been a five per cent increase in crime in 1971, as compared with 1970.

Referring to the wave of threats against pathologists a few months ago, Mr. Hillel said "dozens" of persons had been charged in this connection. Police had not succeeded in bringing to trial the central figures behind the anti-pathologist campaign, but the vigorous action taken by the police had led to a cooling-down of the campaign.

Warning strike at Hillel: No crime Health Ministry syndicates here

By NISAN BELLOS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Over 300 clerical, administrative and service workers went on a one-day warning strike yesterday at the Ministry of Health's central offices in Jerusalem. According to the spokesman of the Jerusalem Labour Council, who are backing the strike all the way, a general strike will be declared on Sunday unless the Ministry and the Civil Service Commission meet the workers' demands.

The workers say that although all other Ministry employees had raised rates of IL100-IL200 after the recent hospital strike, they have been denied similar increases. This, they say, because clerical workers in hospital are in a better bargaining position than those in offices.

Another warning strike, of 450 Government Printer employees, was held yesterday from 10 to noon. The printer workers have been denied similar increases. This, they say, because clerical workers in hospital are in a better bargaining position than those in offices.

The event was organized by Mrs. Bella Hoffman, a volunteer "presaria". The entertainers included singer Jerry Evans, a new immigrant from Argentina; Sam Anthony, Tel Aviv night club singer; and impersonator Moshe Dugk. Mrs. Hoffman promised to return, with a new group of entertainers, including immigrants from Russia.

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Man who blew up King David identified

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A grim chapter of the last days of the British Mandate was recalled at Beit Jabotinsky here Monday night when Herut leaders introduced to the public for the first time the commander of the I.Z.L. unit which blew up the King David Hotel in Jerusalem over 20 years ago.

The occasion was the second anniversary of the death of Deputy Knesset Speaker and Herut Executive Chairman Aryeh Ben-Eliezer. Among the participants was "Gideon", the then 18-year-old commander of the 15-man unit of the Irgun Zvai Leumi which carried out the operation on June 22, 1946.

Mr. Menahem Begin, referring to two controversial points regarding the operation, stated that, first, it was carried out with the full agreement of the Hagannah and second, prior warning was given to enable all personnel to evacuate the building. One of the speakers, Mrs. Sarah Agassi, then known as "Yael," told how she and another I.Z.L. girl had phoned the hotel, the offices of the French Consulate to warn of the blast.

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TEL AVIV. — Several more unsanitary restaurants were closed down for 30 days by order of Mayor Yehoshua Kahanovitz. City inspectors had condemned conditions in them as unhygienic.

Builder fined IL20,000 for demanding 'adjustment'

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However, a few days after devaluation, Zisman asked the couple for an additional IL20,000 and made the transfer of title to the apartment conditional on its payment. Mr. and Mrs. Liebowitz refused, and entered a complaint against Mr. Zisman.

In his ruling Judge Shlomo Yifrach noted that the contractor had undertaken not to raise the price, and said he took a serious view of the matter. He added that by law, the maximum penalty for such a violation is three years imprisonment or a fine of IL100,000, or both.

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Panther picks prison instead of fine

A leader of the Black Panthers yesterday chose jail rather than pay a fine. Kibavi Shemesh was found guilty by Jerusalem Magistrate Court of distributing newspaper without a permit, and given the choice of paying a IL350 fine or spending three weeks in prison. He chose the latter.

When a court attendant asked him why he prefers jail to paying a fine, he replied, "I am not interested in enriching the Treasury so that the money would be wasted on corruption." Shemesh added that he plans to spend the 21 days in jail learning English. (Itim)

Beersheba police correct identity of murder victim

Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. — Police announced here yesterday that the murder victim discovered in the Old City here Monday morning had been incorrectly identified as Elisha Dehan. Officers said the body was that of 24-year-old Hanania Biton.

Police told *The Post* that Dehan did not complain about the mistake. "He doesn't care," they said. "Dozens of persons were questioned Monday and yesterday, and three were detained."

Bright future seen for plastics industry

TEL AVIV. — Israel's plastics industry plans to increase its exports to \$25-30m, worth of goods by 1976, Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, said here yesterday at the inauguration of "Plastics Week" in 1971, plastics exports totalled \$8m, he said.

Mr. David Painer, of the Ministry's Chemicals and Foods Division, said the plastics industry planned to absorb an additional 1,400 workers. There was great manpower potential in the kibbutzim, he said, which today have 37 plants manufacturing plastics products.

STUDY GRANTS of IL40,000 from the Arish and Rivka Shenkar Foundation have been distributed to 47 students at the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot. The grants were awarded to students of outstanding academic merit and limited means.

TEL AVIV. — The "boom" continued yesterday on the Stock Market, and turnover again continued to be more than two million pounds, with prices rising sharply. The exact turnover was IL2,306,600, of which IL1,058,600 was in the variables.

The general index of share prices was up by 2.10 per cent, to 197.70. Clal gained 14 points to stand at 114; Wolfson-Clore-Mayer IL10 better four, to 82.5 and then to 84, Asorim by eight to 113, Africa-Palestine IL10 to 202.5 and then to 204, ILDC six to 154 and then to 164, ICP three to 87 and then to 93, Maccabi 4.5 to 170.5 and then to 172.5, Neot Aviv 2.5 to 70 and then to 70.5, Alliance 60 to 855 and then to 900, Dubeik by 11 to 250 and then to 255 and Hadera Paper 13 to 233 and then to 234.

Many other stocks rose by lesser amounts, but two million pounds, with prices rising sharply. The exact turnover was IL2,306,600, of which IL1,058,600 was in the variables.

The turnover in bonds was IL1,833,700, with dollar-linked bonds being steady and index-linked rising slightly. The investment dollar was IL4.41-42, and the DM was IL1.34.

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Newspaper editors fight commercial TV

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Leading newspaper editors appeared before the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday to state that the press would suffer if Israel TV started carrying advertising commercials.

Committee Chairman Israel Karmali reassured the editors that there was no immediate prospect of TV ads. He said the Committee was sidetracked on the question of the advisability of commercials.

(Attending the session were Messrs. Ted R. Lurie, editor of *The Jerusalem Post*; Aryeh Dissen- dink, editor of *Maariv*; Noah Moses, editor of *Yedioth Aharanot*; Chidon Neeman, general manager of *Ha'aretz*; Gershon Shochen, editor of *Ha'aretz*; and Pinchas Leibowitz, secretary of the Daily Newspaper Publishers Association. They attended the meeting as representatives of the Association and its Editors' Committee.)

The editors explained that daily newspapers were in considerable difficulty. Customs and levies on imported newsprint had risen to about 45 per cent, whereas there were no customs or levies whatsoever on newsprint imports in almost all the free countries. Only very few countries imposed such charges, among them Turkey and Spain, where the levies ranged between seven and 10 per cent.

NEWSPRINT TAXED

Imposts on newsprint costs the daily newspaper publishers approximately 11.4m. a month, according to the publishers' representatives.

Advertisers naturally bore a large share of the total cost of producing the paper, they noted. The press had already been adversely affected by the recent Government decision to spend less on its advertising.

Countries like Sweden, Holland, France and Italy helped the press by reducing postal and freight rates. The same approach should be adopted here so that the press could maintain its independence. However, papers were not interested in getting a subsidy. They would prefer to close down, they said.

Israel TV, as a state enterprise which collected licence fees, ought not to be allowed to compete with the press in a manner which affected press income, the editors argued. They quoted a Unesco docu-

Gaza Strip grows 200,000 tons of citrus fruit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Citrus is being grown on 72,000 dunams in the Gaza Strip, the local office of the Ministry of Agriculture announced yesterday. The 1971 harvest was 200,000 tons, with 110,000 tons going to Western European markets via the Citrus Marketing Board. An additional 50,000 tons were shipped to Arab countries through the West Bank, and 40,000 tons to Eastern Europe.

(Israel produces approximately 1.2 million tons of citrus annually, according to the book *Facts About Israel 1971*.)

Dr. Fahani Turk, a local representative of the Agriculture Ministry, said the citrus industry in the Strip is growing by an average of 20 per cent a year.

Dr. Mahmud Midk, a local veterinarian associated with the Ministry, disclosed that half a million chickens are now being raised in the Gaza Strip, all vaccinations for livestock are being provided free of charge by the Israel Government.

Gaza Strip farmers buy about 10,000 sheep annually from Israel and West Bank sources, he said. A total of 3,500 tons of fish were caught off the shores of the Strip during 1971. The fish find a ready market in Israel, which helps keep the price steady.

There are about 3,500 fishermen in the Gaza Strip, with 630 fishing vessels. Approximately 250 of these are motorized.

Bomb discovered in Gaza school

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — A home-made time bomb was discovered in Gaza's Carmel elementary school on Monday. Although the fuse operated properly, the device did not explode because the time was too short.

The bomb was deactivated and removed by an Army sapper.

Staff of Dimona atomic plant dissatisfied

BEERSHEVA. — Workers at the atomic research station near Dimona yesterday met for an hour-long "information session" to discuss the "lack of communication" between management and the workers' committee.

"I think" learns that the recently elected workers' council and workers' committee have not as yet been officially recognized as such by the Histadrut's Trade Union Department and management.

In reply to a query, a spokesman for the management said yesterday the station's managers were bound by the work agreement with the Histadrut to deal only with those workers' units recognized by the Histadrut. The Histadrut, for its part, claims it cannot recognize the elections for committees because the elections for them did not conform with its Trade Union Department's election procedures.

But a spokesman for the workers said the real reason for the Histadrut's and management's opposition was the fact that this was the first time the members of the workers' council and committees did not vote the Labour Party. (Rim)

Mrs. Meir chats with French booksellers

By JOAN NATHAN
Special to The Jerusalem Post

"I thought there were only boats in Cherbourg," quipped Prime Minister Golda Meir yesterday evening when a French book dealer presented her with a doll from his home town — Cherbourg. Mrs. Meir was addressing a group of 100 visiting French book sellers and their wives at a dinner at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

The French visitors, here in connection with the promotion of the best-selling book "Oh, Jerusalem," by Dominique Lapierre and Larry Collins, preferred that the Prime Minister address them in Hebrew, rather than English (Mrs. Meir speaks no French). Mrs. Meir's personal assistant, Mrs. Lou Kadar, translated.

Mrs. Meir noted that she had always been envious of book dealers,

Rhodesia-commission row over detainees

SALISBURY (Reuter). — Lord Pearce yesterday visited detained former Southern Rhodesian Premier Garfield Todd in Gatooma jail amid signs of an approaching showdown between his commission and the Ian Smith Government.

Lord Pearce, chairman of the commission testing Rhodesian opinion on the independence settlement

Three categories of decorations for servicemen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Defence Forces are to get three categories of decorations, instead of only the honourable mention in despatches now used.

According to the army weekly "Bamahane, a committee appointed by the Defence Minister has decided to grade all 600 recipients of citations for distinguished conduct into "Tur Hagevura" (heroism), "Tur Ha'oz" (bravery) and "Tsalash" (mention in despatches).

The committee, headed by O.C. Training Corps, Aluf Yitzhak Hoz, studied all awards given since the War of Independence. Under the Law of Army Decorations enacted in January 1970, the Knesset also resolved that the fighters in the War of Independence who were awarded the "Giborei Israel" (Hero of Israel) medal will also get "Tur Hagevura."

Some 30 soldiers will get "Tur Hagevura" and 120 men will get "Tur Ha'oz."

JERUSALEM SNOW MELTS IN RAIN AND SUNSHINE

By ABRAHAM BAHINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem yesterday shed its white mantle, Monday's snowfall succumbed to a mixture of rain and bright sunshine.

Municipal crews working through the night had cleared the streets by morning and early risers were still able to see a snow-wrapped city. From the Mount of Olives the golden dome on the Temple Mount could be seen with white icing. To the East, snow covered the near slopes of the Judean Desert.

By late afternoon almost all the snow in the city was gone.

Jerusalem, still recovering from Monday's paralyzing snowstorm, received the heaviest precipitation in the country for the 24-hour period ending yesterday evening — 18 mm. The next heaviest rainfall was registered in Beersheba, which received 10 mm.

Today's forecast is partly cloudy, with scattered showers.

SCHOOL AS USUAL

Schoolchildren learned from an early morning broadcast that it would be lessons as usual yesterday. In East Jerusalem, 50 per cent of the children did not report to their classrooms.

Insurance companies spent the day totting up damage claims submitted by drivers who had had accidents in Monday's storm. An official at one company reported five times as many claims as on a normal day. All were of a relatively minor nature and none involved injuries. The official noted that many drivers with damage amounting to less than the IL200 deductible figure had not submitted claims.

Magen David Adom reported that it had received 90 storm-connected cases Monday, among them 40 with fractures or suspected fractures suffered in falls. A large percentage of the victims were Tel Avivians who had come up to see the snow. They were still coming yesterday morning, many piling off the buses at the central terminal with cameras in their hands.

At the Biblical Zoo, the three cubs born to Tema the Abyss during the storm were reported doing well yesterday. The triplets had been taken from their mother shortly after birth because of the frigid temperatures in the cage.

Emergency crews during Monday night spread sand and salt on streets running up slopes in various parts of the city. At 4.30 a.m. yesterday, 10 army halftracks and five heavy Municipality vehicles set out to break up any ice that had formed on the city's streets.

At 6 a.m. several dozen sanitation employees started pushing snow from sidewalks in downtown Jerusalem with bright yellow shovels. Most Egged bus lines in the city began their runs at 6.30 a.m., the numbers 9 and 1 beginning two hours later.

Corridor villages

Army halftracks brought bread and milk to settlements in the Jerusalem Corridor. Halftracks also brought bakers and dairy workers to their places of work before dawn. The main road from Tel Aviv was open to normal traffic.

The Municipality kept emergency crews standing by around the clock to deal with any type of emergency. Fifteen instances of flooding were reported yesterday in apartments around the city. Three small fires were caused by kerosene stoves. There were no casualties.

Thirty trees collapsed yesterday as a result of the snow, bringing the total to 100 since Monday. The Electricity Corporation dealt with 60 breaks in power, many caused by falling trees.

Tnuva, Izhar fined for foreign bodies

NETANYA. — Tnuva Dairies were fined IL700 in court here yesterday for four instances of foreign bodies in its products.

Three bottles of milk purchased in different locations in Netanya were found to contain congealed milk and pupae. In addition, a silver of plastic was found in a container of Tnuva Ibova.

A representative of Tnuva told the court that even the most sophisticated machinery could not eliminate "one-in-a-million or one-in-a-half-million mishaps" such as these. He also blamed the congealed milk problem on housewives' failure to rinse milk bottles before returning them.

The court fined Izhar Ltd. IL250 after a sandy sediment was found in a bottle of its oil. A company spokesman said Izhar uses the "most modern" equipment to rinse bottles before filling them.

Both companies were also ordered to pay the laboratory fees. (Tim)



FLOODED — Volunteers remove ancient paintings from the Greek Orthodox Church in Gethsemane after water from the heavy snow and rains in Jerusalem rose up to a depth of five metres inside. City workers helped pump out the Church, which lies beneath the road level and to the left of the Garden of Gethsemane.

Post bureaus in other parts of the country reported:

In Haifa, residents were pleasantly surprised when they raised their shutters yesterday morning to find that Monday's storm had given way to brilliant blue skies and sunshine. The balmy spring weather held throughout the day, with only a few clouds. By ten in the morning, the sun had dried the streets, which quickly filled with smiling window shoppers.

The 120 tourists who arrived in the Italian S.S. Messapia found that they had indeed "followed the sun to Israel."

Greeks thank city for pumping out church

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Greek Orthodox Patriarch Benedictus of Jerusalem has praised the Municipality for its speedy action in pumping out flood waters that struck the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Gethsemane Sunday.

In a letter to Mayor Teddy Kolek, the Patriarch expressed his appreciation for the excellent work done in a few hours by your people, as well as the army. We wholeheartedly congratulate you and express many warm thanks for the quick and effective service.

The Patriarch asked if drainage and sewage systems in the area could be improved to avoid similar inundations in the future.

The church was previously flooded in 1947 and 1954. According to a Municipality spokesman it had taken both the British and the Jordanians on the latter 10 days to clear the water from the church. Sunday's operation, utilizing eight pumps, took 10 hours.

3 held for beating, robbing taxi driver

KFAR SABA. — Quick action by the Kfar Saba and Petah Tikva police led to the remand yesterday of three young men suspected of assaulting and robbing a taxi driver from Kalkilya on Saturday.

The three were Daniel Shar'avi and Amram Adar of Petah Tikva, and Rafael Ben-Shitrit of Hod Hasharon — all 20. They were remanded for 15 days.

Fakad Y. Nager of the Kfar Saba police told "Tim" that the three are suspected of hitting Moshe Zabri, 35, to drive them from Kalkilya to Rosh Ha'ayin on the way they allegedly hit him on the head and robbed him of IL500, which was later found abandoned near Moshav Amshav.

(Tim) — i.e. by thunder.

Business brisk at Fashion Week

TEL AVIV. — Business continued brisk at Fashion Week entered its second day yesterday. Despite the delays in incoming flights due to bad weather, the number of visiting buyers was expected to reach around 350.

Some 60 Scandinavians were expected late last night, and more buyers are due today.

Israeli manufacturers seem well satisfied with the sales tempo.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with showers.

Weather synopsis: A depression over Iraq with a trough of low pressure over the Mediterranean is moving eastward.

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| Mr. Carmel | 51 | 0-14 |
| Tiberias | 45 | 1-13 |
| Nasareth | 45 | 1-13 |
| Atula | 45 | 1-13 |
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ARRIVAL

Sheikh Mohammad Munawwar, spiritual leader of the Islamic Centre of Kalamia, ML. Carmel, arrived in Jerusalem with Mrs. Munawwar.

DEPARTURE

Mr. Wilfred Bank, Director of the International Labour Office, left Jerusalem for London on Monday.

LUCKY STRIKE

By YAA'AOV FISHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — An 85-year-old man struck by lightning at his home last week — and lived — is the tale.

At his Mt. Carmel home in Nakhshon on Monday Mr. Katz said he was waiting at home holding his open umbrella in both hands. "I saw a flash of lightning in my eyes and felt my becoming singed."

He found several signs of hands, and his left palm, he had clutched the umbrella rod, had been lightly hit. Mr. Katz went to the Rosh Ha'ayin clinic for treatment yesterday — one of his fingers still in bandages, with burn on the other.

"I wasn't scared. I just home and told my wife. She me to go to the clinic. I realized just how lucky I been, he had on Saturday the traditional 'gome' he said during the Sabbath service anyone who is saved from a serious situation.

Mr. Katz brought out his handkerchief and showed just how he had held it. Whether he would go out with a thunderstorm and put an umbrella, he said nonchalantly course, why not? I'm sure said he believed his rubber had insulated him from the and saved him.

Professor Michael Brickel, Technion's electrical engineering faculty told me that Mr. Katz certainly had good reasons for the good prayer.

He had never heard of a case, but there was no doubt Mr. Katz had not been directly by the lightning strikes a charge of several volts, and would have turned to a cinder. It was impossible out investigation to say what had happened, but it probable that he had been a secondary strike. The probably first struck a drain pipe near Mr. Katz's would have caused a transient reduction of the electricity while a secondary strike might hit his umbrella, which was excellent conductor.

One thing is certain. It has been struck directly you have been able to interrupt from Kalkilya to Rosh Ha'ayin on the way they allegedly hit him on the head and robbed him of IL500, which was later found abandoned near Moshav Amshav.